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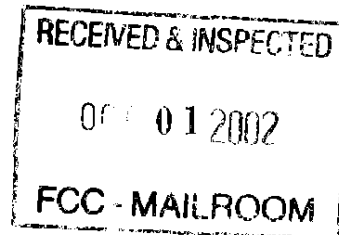
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Access Support Annual Filing
Initial IAS Certification.

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.809, Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. files its first-time IAS certification. This certification supercedes the certification that you received in July 2001 and is accompanied by an amended line count submission (We used March line counts in the July submission. In this submission, we use line counts for June).

Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. certifies that it will use its Universal Service Interstate Access Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. This certification is for the study area of:

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	New Mexico	499002

Signed

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